

New Jersey Drug and Alcohol
Abuse Treatment

**Substance Abuse Overview
2003
Mercer County**

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Dear Colleague:

This ***Substance Abuse Overview*** provides statistics and social indicators related to substance abuse and substance abuse treatment in your county. In 2003 there were more than 53,000 treatment admissions reported to the New Jersey Department of Human Services. These reports were submitted on the paper forms of the Drug Abuse Data System (ADADS) and the web-based NJ Substance Abuse Monitoring System (NJ-SAMS) which began operations in October, 2002. NJ-SAMS

The Overview includes:

- State Totals for Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions for 2003.
- County Totals for Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions for 2003.
- Selected Social and Health Indicators for Your County.
- County Share of Substance Abuse Admissions by Primary Drug.
- Distribution of Substance Abuse Admissions by Primary Drug within County.
- Substance Abuse Admissions by Municipality and Primary Drug
- Treatment Admissions by Municipality of Residence, Primary Drug and Age.
- Estimated Number of People in Need of Treatment by County and Drug Type.

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New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data System

Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions

State Totals

Admissions: 1/1/2003 - 12/31/2003

Primary Drug

Alcohol	14,900	28%
Heroin	26,224	49%
Intravenous	10,182	19%
Cocaine	5,477	10%
Smoked	3,511	7%
Marijuana	5,964	11%
Other Drugs	969	2%

Treatment Setting

Couns/Coord-I/R	13	0%
Hosp Detox/IMU	9,863	18%
Residential Detox	4,721	9%
Short-Term Residential	5,462	10%
Therapeutic Community	3,502	6%
Extended Care/Halfway House	1,156	2%
Outpatient Care	12,255	23%
Outpatient Methadone Maint.	6,097	11%
Intensive Outpatient	7,253	13%
Outpatient Detox	3,505	7%

Sex

Male	37,395	69%
Female	16,472	31%

Race/Ethnicity

White	27,722	51%
Black	16,728	31%
Hispanic	7,478	14%
Other	745	1%
Not Assessed	1,226	2%

Age at Admission

Under 18	2,642	5%
18-20	3,253	6%
21-24	6,057	11%
25-29	6,306	12%
30-34	7,911	15%
35-44	17,945	33%
45-54	8,068	15%
55 and over	1,689	3%
Unknown	18	0%

Employment Status

Unemployed/Not in Labor Force	35,835	66%
Employed Full/Part Time	14,399	27%
Not Assessed	3,634	7%

Health Insurance at Admission*

No Insurance	32,402	60%
Public Insurance	8,330	15%
Private Insurance	8,413	16%
Other/Unknown	4,945	9%

Month of Admission

January	4,874	9%	May	4,564	8%
February	4,011	7%	June	4,493	8%
March	4,802	9%	July	4,897	9%
April	4,610	9%	August	4,496	8%

Legal Problem*

None	28,705	53%
Probation/Parole	13,858	26%
DWI License Susp.	3,012	6%
Other	10,993	20%

Referral Source

Self-referral	22,115	41%
Family/Friend	3,997	7%
Social Agency	14,397	27%
Criminal Justice	10,786	20%
IDRC	2,070	4%

Any Prior Treatment

34,446	64%
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Methadone Planned in Treatment

10,756	20%
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Smoke Tobacco (Yes)

40,922	76%
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Clients Treated in Their County of Residence

30,644	57%
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Completed High School

31,893	59%
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Not Assessed

3,589	7%
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County of Residence

Atlantic	2,195	4%
Bergen	3,280	6%
Burlington	1,309	2%
Camden	3,542	7%
Cape May	925	2%
Cumberland	1,416	3%
Essex	8,940	17%
Gloucester	1,503	3%
Hudson	4,133	8%
Hunterdon	725	1%
Mercer	1,827	3%
Middlesex	2,977	6%
Monmouth	3,981	7%
Morris	2,038	4%
Ocean	3,079	6%
Passaic	3,468	6%
Salem	482	1%
Somerset	1,136	2%
Sussex	753	1%
Union	3,838	7%
Warren	810	2%
Other	1,332	2%

Total Admissions = 53,908

*Totals greater than 100% because of multiple responses.

New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data System
Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions
1/1/2003 - 12/31/2003

Mercer
County Code 11

Primary Drug

Alcohol	537	29%
Heroin	581	32%
Intravenous Heroin	353	19%
Cocaine	356	19%
Smoked Cocaine	307	17%
Marijuana	329	18%
Other Drugs	24	1%

Treatment Setting

Couns/Coord-I/R	3	0%
Hosp Detox/IMU	131	7%
Residential Detox	166	9%
Short-Term Residential	196	11%
Therapeutic Community	195	11%
Extended Care/Halfway House	99	5%
Outpatient Care	546	30%
Outpatient Methadone Maint.	130	7%
Intensive Outpatient	267	15%
Outpatient Detox	66	4%

Sex

Male	1,336	73%
Female	489	27%

Race/Ethnicity

White	720	39%
Black	785	43%
Hispanic	239	13%
Other	27	1%
Not Assessed	53	3%

Age at Admission

Under 18	156	9%
18-20	126	7%
21-24	175	10%
25-29	177	10%
30-34	241	13%
35-44	607	33%
45-54	288	16%
55 and over	56	3%

Employment Status

Unemployed/Not in Labor Force	1,274	70%
Employed Full/Part Time	461	25%
Not Assessed	92	5%

Legal Problem*

None	889	49%
Probation/Parole	497	27%
DWI License Susp.	162	9%
Other	398	22%

Referral Source

Self-referral	525	29%
Family/Friend	142	8%
Social Agency	593	32%
Criminal Justice	442	24%
IDRC	122	7%

Any Prior Treatment

1,126	62%
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Smoke Tobacco (Yes)

1,367	75%
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Completed High School

979	54%
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Not Assessed	93	5%
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**Methadone Planned
in Treatment**

276	15%
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Health Insurance at Admission*

No Insurance	1,058	58%
Public Insurance	406	22%
Private Insurance	249	14%
Other/Unknown	120	7%

**Patients Treated in Their
County of Residence**

1,035	57%
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Month of Admission

January	173	9%
February	136	7%
March	184	10%
April	145	8%
May	151	8%
June	154	8%
July	203	11%
August	123	7%
September	164	9%
October	161	9%
November	121	7%
December	112	6%

Total Admissions = 1,827

**Totals greater than 100% because of multiple responses.*

Mercer County: Selected Social and Health Indicators			
General Risk Factors by Domain	State	County	County/State Ratio
Community Environment:			
• Children below poverty (%), 1997	14.80	14.80	1.00
• Voter participation (%), 2000	70.00	69.00	0.99
• Violent crime rate / 1,000, 2000	3.80	5.20	1.37
Family Structure: Rates/1,000 population			
• Domestic violence rate, 2000	9.23	9.84	1.07
• Teenage birth rate, 1997	35.00	33.00	0.94
• Child abuse/neglect referrals rate, 1998	20.20	19.70	0.98
School Involvement:			
• Dropouts (% HS enrollment), 1994-95	4.20	2.80	0.67
• Adults not high school graduates %, 1990	23.30	22.90	0.98
• Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment Index, 1999	0.755	0.756	1.00
Individual / Peer Behaviors: Under 18 years old (Rate / 1,000)			
• Juvenile drug arrest rate, 2000	3.87	5.04	1.30
• Juvenile DUI arrest rate, 2000	0.19	0.13	0.68
Other Health Indicators: Rate / 100,000 population			
• Drug abuse treatment admission rates, 2003	437.70	356.37	0.81
• Alcohol abuse treatment admission rates, 2003	167.96	148.35	0.88
• IDU risk AIDS case rates, 2001	119.00	105.00	0.88
• Cirrhosis of liver hospital admission rates	20.70	17.60	0.85
• Alcohol related mortality rates, 1998	5.20	6.30	1.21
• Drug related mortality rates, 1998	8.70	10.30	1.18
• Motor vehicle injury death rates, 1998	9.30	8.70	0.94
• Unintentional injury death rates, 1998	24.70	27.40	1.11
• Suicide rates, 1998	7.10	7.50	1.06
• Homicide rates, 1998	4.00	**	**
** Number is too small to calculate a reliable rate			

Age-adjusted Cancer Incidence by Gender, Mercer County – 1986-1996 ¹				
	Male		Female	
	Mercer	New Jersey	Mercer	New Jersey
Lung Cancer Rate ²				
• White	82.9	83.0	42.8	43.9
• Black	128.0	114.8	39.1	42.5
Oral Cancer Rate ²				
• White	15.2	13.4	6.5	5.7
• Black	28.0	22.8	7.4	6.7
Bladder Cancer Rate ²				
• White	40.4	38.0	10.0	9.7
• Black	14.5	15.8	5.1	6.1
1 Incidence rates per 100,000 population, age adjusted to the 1970 population.				
2 Average annual rate				

Mercer County

Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drug (ATOD) Use by New Jersey Middle School Students, 2001		
Annual Prevalence	New Jersey Percent	Mercer County Percent
• Cigarettes	12.3	12.8
• Alcohol	30.7	31.3
• Marijuana	4.7	5.6
• Inhalants	4.7	5.0
• Heroin	0.4	0.2
• Any Other Drugs	1.9	1.3

Risk Factor Scale Scores – Middle School Survey, 2001		
Selected Risk Factors by Domain	New Jersey	Mercer County
Community Domain:		
• Low Neighborhood Attachment	48	44
• Community Transitions and Mobility	51	47
• Perceived Availability of Drugs and Firearms	28	29
Family Domain:		
• Poor Family Supervision	46	47
• Parental Attitudes Favorable toward ATOD Use	40	41
School Domain:		
• Poor Academic Performance	51	47
• Low School Commitment	49	48
Peer – Individual Domain:		
• Friends' Use of Drugs	35	34
• Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	54	54
• Low Perceived Risk of Drug use	33	31

Protective Factor Scale Scores – Middle School Survey, 2001		
Selected Protective Factors by Domain	New Jersey	Mercer County
Community Domain:		
• Community Rewards for Pro-social Involvement	49	46
Family Domain:		
• Family Attachment	55	54
• Family Rewards for Pro-social Involvement	57	58
School Domain:		
• School Opportunities for Pro-social Involvement	54	56
• School Rewards for Pro-social Involvement	48	42
Peer – individual Domain		
• Social Skills	56	58
• Belief in the Moral Order	53	57

**County Share of Substance Abuse Admissions by County and Primary Drug,
2003 NJ Resident Admissions**

County of Residence	Primary Drug										County Total	
	Alcohol		Cocaine		Heroin		Marijuana		Others			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Atlantic	641	4.4	160	3.0	1044	4.3	213	3.6	129	6.3	2187	4.2
Bergen	1327	9.1	426	7.9	1051	4.3	330	5.6	146	7.1	3280	6.3
Burlington	561	3.9	168	3.1	317	1.3	156	2.6	107	5.2	1309	2.5
Camden	1101	7.6	450	8.4	1344	5.5	380	6.4	264	12.9	3539	6.8
Cape May	416	2.9	73	1.4	188	0.8	178	3.0	69	3.4	924	1.8
Cumberland	631	4.3	190	3.5	308	1.3	245	4.2	42	2.0	1416	2.7
Essex	939	6.5	593	11.0	6665	27.2	626	10.6	111	5.4	8934	17.1
Gloucester	529	3.6	162	3.0	467	1.9	211	3.6	132	6.4	1501	2.9
Hudson	934	6.4	335	6.2	2282	9.3	418	7.1	164	8.0	4133	7.9
Hunterdon	369	2.5	59	1.1	151	0.6	120	2.0	26	1.3	725	1.4
Mercer	537	3.7	356	6.6	554	2.3	329	5.6	51	2.5	1827	3.5
Middlesex	748	5.2	279	5.2	1427	5.8	393	6.7	128	6.2	2975	5.7
Monmouth	1137	7.8	631	11.7	1472	6.0	572	9.7	163	7.9	3975	7.6
Morris	913	6.3	132	2.5	816	3.3	100	1.7	74	3.6	2035	3.9
Ocean	855	5.9	263	4.9	1468	6.0	327	5.5	166	8.1	3079	5.9
Passaic	731	5.0	394	7.3	1846	7.5	410	7.0	86	4.2	3467	6.6
Salem	199	1.4	66	1.2	96	0.4	105	1.8	15	0.7	481	0.9
Somerset	483	3.3	92	1.7	347	1.4	184	3.1	29	1.4	1135	2.2
Sussex	321	2.2	58	1.1	287	1.2	44	0.7	41	2.0	751	1.4
Union	804	5.5	419	7.8	2135	8.7	420	7.1	58	2.8	3836	7.3
Warren	333	2.3	73	1.4	219	0.9	133	2.3	52	2.5	810	1.5
Drug Total	14509	100.0	5379	100.0	24484	100.0	5894	100.0	2053	100.0	52319	100.0

***Distribution of Substance Abuse Admissions by Primary Drug within County,
2003 NJ Resident Admissions***

County of Residence	Primary Drug										County Total	
	Alcohol		Cocaine		Heroin		Marijuana		Others			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
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Gloucester	529	35.2	162	10.8	467	31.1	211	14.1	132	8.8	1501	100.0
Hudson	934	22.6	335	8.1	2282	55.2	418	10.1	164	4.0	4133	100.0
Hunterdon	369	50.9	59	8.1	151	20.8	120	16.6	26	3.6	725	100.0
Mercer	537	29.4	356	19.5	554	30.3	329	18.0	51	2.8	1827	100.0
Middlesex	748	25.1	279	9.4	1427	48.0	393	13.2	128	4.3	2975	100.0
Monmouth	1137	28.6	631	15.9	1472	37.0	572	14.4	163	4.1	3975	100.0
Morris	913	44.9	132	6.5	816	40.1	100	4.9	74	3.6	2035	100.0
Ocean	855	27.8	263	8.5	1468	47.7	327	10.6	166	5.4	3079	100.0
Passaic	731	21.1	394	11.4	1846	53.2	410	11.8	86	2.5	3467	100.0
Salem	199	41.4	66	13.7	96	20.0	105	21.8	15	3.1	481	100.0
Somerset	483	42.6	92	8.1	347	30.6	184	16.2	29	2.6	1135	100.0
Sussex	321	42.7	58	7.7	287	38.2	44	5.9	41	5.5	751	100.0
Union	804	21.0	419	10.9	2135	55.7	420	10.9	58	1.5	3836	100.0
Warren	333	41.1	73	9.0	219	27.0	133	16.4	52	6.4	810	100.0
State Total	14509	27.7	5379	10.3	24484	46.8	5894	11.3	2053	3.9	52319	100.0

Substance Abuse Admissions by Municipality and Primary Drug

January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

County Mercer

Municipality	Primary Drug										County Total	
	Alcohol		Cocaine		Heroin		Marijuana		Others			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
East Windsor Twp	21	43.8	6	12.5	13	27.1	5	10.4	3	6.3	48	100.0
Ewing Twp	32	33.3	11	11.5	33	34.4	17	17.7	3	3.1	96	100.0
Hamilton Twp	48	31.8	28	18.5	42	27.8	28	18.5	5	3.3	151	100.0
Hightstown Boro	16	53.3	2	6.7	8	26.7	3	10.0	1	3.3	30	100.0
Hopewell Boro	6	40.0	3	20.0	2	13.3	4	26.7			15	100.0
Hopewell Twp	6	66.7			2	22.2			1	11.1	9	100.0
Lawrence Twp	17	41.5	7	17.1	7	17.1	7	17.1	3	7.3	41	100.0
Pennington Boro	12	85.7			1	7.1	1	7.1			14	100.0
Princeton Boro	17	50.0	3	8.8	12	35.3			2	5.9	34	100.0
Princeton Twp	9	37.5	1	4.2	8	33.3	4	16.7	2	8.3	24	100.0
Trenton City	318	24.8	287	22.4	410	32.0	239	18.7	27	2.1	1281	100.0
Washington Twp	11	32.4	5	14.7	6	17.6	10	29.4	2	5.9	34	100.0
West Windsor Twp	6	35.3	1	5.9	2	11.8	7	41.2	1	5.9	17	100.0
Not Stated	18	54.5	2	6.1	8	24.2	4	12.1	1	3.0	33	100.0
County Total	537	29.4	356	19.5	554	30.3	329	18.0	51	2.8	1827	100.0

Treatment Admissions by Municipality of Residence, Primary Drug and Age, 2003

Mercer	Alcohol						Drugs						Total					
	18+		under 18		Total		18+		under 18		Total		18+		under 18		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
East Windsor Twp	19	90.5	2	9.5	21	100.0	24	88.9	3	11.1	27	100.0	43	89.6	5	10.4	48	100.0
Ewing Twp	31	96.9	1	3.1	32	100.0	55	85.9	9	14.1	64	100.0	86	89.6	10	10.4	96	100.0
Hamilton Twp	48	100.0			48	100.0	93	90.3	10	9.7	103	100.0	141	93.4	10	6.6	151	100.0
Hightstown Boro	16	100.0			16	100.0	13	92.9	1	7.1	14	100.0	29	96.7	1	3.3	30	100.0
Hopewell Boro	5	83.3	1	16.7	6	100.0	9	100.0			9	100.0	14	93.3	1	6.7	15	100.0
Hopewell Twp	6	100.0			6	100.0	3	100.0			3	100.0	9	100.0			9	100.0
Lawrence Twp	14	82.4	3	17.6	17	100.0	22	91.7	2	8.3	24	100.0	36	87.8	5	12.2	41	100.0
Pennington Boro	12	100.0			12	100.0	2	100.0			2	100.0	14	100.0			14	100.0
Princeton Boro	15	88.2	2	11.8	17	100.0	17	100.0			17	100.0	32	94.1	2	5.9	34	100.0
Princeton Twp	9	100.0			9	100.0	11	78.6	3	21.4	14	100.0	20	87.0	3	13.0	23	100.0
Trenton City	306	96.5	11	3.5	317	100.0	875	90.9	88	9.1	963	100.0	1181	92.3	99	7.7	1280	100.0
Washington Twp	8	72.7	3	27.3	11	100.0	14	60.9	9	39.1	23	100.0	22	64.7	12	35.3	34	100.0
West Windsor Twp	5	83.3	1	16.7	6	100.0	7	63.6	4	36.4	11	100.0	12	70.6	5	29.4	17	100.0
Not Stated	18	100.0			18	100.0	13	86.7	2	13.3	15	100.0	31	93.9	2	6.1	33	100.0
Total	512	95.5	24	4.5	536	100.0	1158	89.8	131	10.2	1289	100.0	1670	91.5	155	8.5	1825	100.0

**Estimated Number of People in Need of Treatment by County and Drug Type
(1998 estimates)**

County	Lifetime Need for Alcohol Treatment	Current Need for Heroin Treatment	Current Need for Cocaine Treatment	Need for Other Illicit Drug Treatment	Combined Current Need for Illicit Drug Treatment	Combined Need for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Treatment
Atlantic	13,416	3,624	4,792	5,070	13,486	26,902
Bergen	65,230	4,511	5,479	4,426	14,416	79,646
Burlington	10,640	1,846	4,420	4,437	10,703	21,343
Camden	33,167	6,530	8,109	5,225	19,864	53,031
Cape May	6,640	830	1,174	1,895	3,899	10,539
Cumberland	9,700	1,012	2,506	1,554	5,072	14,772
Essex	26,637	22,750	10,427	6,968	40,145	66,782
Gloucester	9,253	1,648	3,050	2,204	6,902	16,155
Hudson	33,652	8,703	7,749	5,662	22,114	55,766
Hunterdon	5,026	656	641	1,362	2,659	7,685
Mercer	25,175	2,204	7,081	3,878	13,163	38,338
Middlesex	41,194	6,289	6,181	4,231	16,701	57,895
Monmouth	37,528	3,796	9,174	7,399	20,369	57,897
Morris	20,377	2,656	2,282	1,799	6,737	27,114
Ocean	39,622	2,955	3,746	4,130	10,831	50,453
Passaic	21,036	6,102	6,182	4,593	16,877	37,913
Salem	4,470	186	1,316	663	2,165	6,635
Somerset	13,759	1,356	1,961	1,873	5,190	18,949
Sussex	10,500	573	702	1,709	2,984	13,484
Union	17,369	7,714	5,487	3,668	16,869	34,238
Warren	8,827	412	1,282	889	2,583	11,410
Total	453,218	86,353	93,741	73,635	253,729	706,947

Estimates of lifetime need for alcohol treatment based on data from the New Jersey 1998 Telephone Household Survey.

Estimates of current need for illicit drug treatment based on capture-recapture analysis of data from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data System (ADADS): 1996-1998.